

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bud L. Williams***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a special commission to study property tax relief and local aid reform.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>6/17/2026</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act establishing a special commission to study property tax relief and local aid reform.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. There shall be a special legislative commission to study the  
2 commonwealth’s system of local property taxes. The commission shall: (i) explore how  
3 municipalities could reduce or phase out parts of the property tax system; (ii) examine how the  
4 commonwealth could increase local aid to cities and towns to help communities reduce  
5 dependence on local property taxes without undermining local services; (iii) consider the effect  
6 on such a reduction or phase out on taxpayers, property owners, business owners, municipalities  
7 and local services and other stakeholders; (iv) and study any other matters the commission deems  
8 relevant.

9           SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of 13 members: the house and senate chairs  
10 of the joint committee on revenue or their designees; 1 member of the house who shall be  
11 appointed by the speaker of the house; 1 member of the senate who shall be appointed by the  
12 senate president; 1 member of the house who shall be appointed by the house minority leader;  
13 and 1 member of the senate who shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; 1 member

14 appointed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc. as its representative; 1 member  
15 appointed by the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc. as its representative; 1 representative  
16 of the department of revenue, to be appointed by the commissioner of revenue; and 4 members to  
17 be appointed by the governor, who shall have expertise in tax policy or municipal budgeting.

18 SECTION 3. The commission shall hold no fewer than 3 public hearings to gather input  
19 from stakeholders and advocates, including taxpayers, municipal officials, tax policy experts,  
20 budgeting experts, homeowners, business owners and state officials. The commission shall hold  
21 the public hearings in geographically diverse locations around the commonwealth.

22 SECTION 4. Not later than June 30, 2027, the commission shall submit a report on its  
23 findings, together with any recommendations for legislative or policy changes, to the clerks of  
24 the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means  
25 and the joint committee on revenue.